Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) ~~A powdery/granular~~ An ointment external preparation for wounds for use in treatment ~~and procedure~~ of skin damages, comprising

~~characterized in comprising~~ a water-soluble polymer in an uncross-linked state of 2 ~~mass~~% or more ~~("mass%" is referred to as "%" unless otherwise specifically mentioned) and~~ based on the weight of the preparation,

a crosslinking agent in an amount of from 0.01% to 20% based on the weight of the preparation, ~~and~~

~~the water-soluble polymer is in uncross-linked state~~ a bactericidal agent in an amount of from 0.1% to 10% based on the weight of the preparation, and

a fluidization agent,

wherein the moisture content of the preparation is 3% or less based on the weight of the preparation,

the water-soluble polymer has carboxylic group or sulfonic acid group in its structure, and

the water-soluble polymer in the preparation is in sol state before use, and then the water-soluble polymer simultaneously shows phase transition to gel after the preparation absorbs exudation in a wounded area of the skin.

2. (Currently amended) The preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the content of the water-soluble polymer is 5% or more based on the weight of the preparation.

3-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously presented) The preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the water-soluble polymer is sodium polyacrylate.

7. (Previously presented) The preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the crosslinking agent is aluminum-containing crosslinking agent.

8-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) The preparation according to Claim 1, further comprising sugars in an amount of from 5% to 70% based on the weight of the preparation.

11-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) The preparation according to Claim ~~12~~ 1, wherein the fluidization agent is macrogol.

14. (New) The preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the bactericidal agent is povidone iodine or iodine.

15. (New) An ointment external preparation for wounds for use in treatment of skin damages, comprising

a sodium polyacrylate in an uncross-linked state of 2% or more based on the weight of the preparation,

an aluminum-containing crosslinking agent in an amount of from 0.01% to 20% based on the weight of the preparation,

an iodine in an amount of from 0.1% to 10% based on the weight of the preparation, and

macrogol,

wherein the moisture content of the preparation is 3% or less based on the weight of the preparation.